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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims to appear as shown in the following list, which is submitted to replace all prior listings of claims.

1. (Currently amended): A surgical device, comprising:

a hollow shaft having a distal free end and a shaft diameter;

at least a first rotatable drive shaft disposed in the hollow shaft and extending longitudinally through the hollow shaft to the distal end of the hollow shaft; and

a first connector attached to the first rotatable drive shaft;

a first surgical instrument configured to be detachably coupled with to the drive shaft and the distal free end of the hollow shaft; and

a quick-connect fitting for directly coupling the first surgical instrument to the distal free end of the hollow shaft to enable the first surgical instrument to be connected with the first connector of the first rotatable drive shaft,

wherein the hollow shaft is configured to be inserted into a body via a first orifice and the first surgical instrument is configured to be inserted into the body via a second orifice; and

wherein the quick-connect fitting is hollow shaft and drive shaft are configured to be coupled with couple the first surgical instrument with the distal free end after the hollow shaft is inserted into the body via the first orifice and after the first surgical instrument is inserted into the body via the second orifice.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Previously presented): The surgical device according to claim 1, wherein the first surgical instrument includes a surgical stapler instrument.
7. (Previously presented): The surgical device according to claim 1, wherein the first surgical instrument includes a surgical stapler and cutter instrument.
8. (Previously presented): The surgical device according to claim 1, wherein the first surgical instrument includes an anastomosis instrument.
9. (Previously presented): The surgical device according to claim 1, wherein the hollow shaft and the first surgical instrument coupled to the hollow shaft are configured to be withdrawn from the body via the first orifice.
10. (Previously presented): The surgical device according to claim 1, wherein the first surgical instrument includes at least one movable element, said rotatable drive shaft being configured to effect movement of the at least one movable element.
11. (Currently amended) The surgical device according to claim 10, wherein ~~the elongated shaft includes a first coupling at the distal end and the first surgical instrument includes a second connector coupling for detachable coupling with the first connector on the first rotatable drive shaft coupling of the elongated shaft and wherein the first connector coupling and the second connector coupling are configured to detachably couple the at least one movable element with the first rotatable drive shaft.~~
12. (Original): The surgical device according to claim 10, comprising an electro-

mechanical driver device configured to drive the rotatable drive shaft.

13. (Original): The surgical device according to claim 12, wherein the electro-mechanical driver device includes a motor system configured to drive the drive shaft.
14. (Previously presented): The surgical device according to claim 1, comprising at least a second rotatable drive shaft in the hollow shaft and wherein the first surgical instrument includes a first movable element and a second movable element, and wherein the first rotatable drive shaft is configured to effect movement of the first movable element and the second rotatable drive shaft is configured to effect movement of the second movable element.
15. (Currently Amended) The surgical device according to claim 14, wherein the second rotatable drive shaft is attached to a third connector and the first surgical instrument includes a fourth connector for detachable coupling with the third connector of the second rotatable drive shaft, the third connector and the fourth connector being configured to couple the second movable element with the second rotatable drive shaft
~~elongated shaft includes a first coupling at the distal end and the first surgical instrument includes a second coupling for coupling with the first coupling of the elongated shaft and wherein the first coupling and the second coupling are configured to couple the second movable element with the second rotatable drive shaft.~~
16. (Previously presented): The surgical device according to claim 14, comprising an electro-mechanical driver device configured to drive the first rotatable drive shaft and the second rotatable drive shaft.
17. (Original): The surgical device according to claim 16, wherein the electro-mechanical driver device includes a motor system configured to drive the first rotatable drive shaft and the second rotatable drive shaft.

18. (Original): The surgical device according to claim 17, wherein the motor system includes a first motor configured to drive the first rotatable drive shaft and a second motor configured to drive the second rotatable drive shaft.
19. (Previously presented): The surgical device according to claim 1, wherein the hollow shaft includes a steering device configured to steer the distal end of the hollow shaft.
20. (Currently amended): A method for performing a procedure on a body, comprising the steps of:
 - (a) inserting a hollow shaft having a distal free end and a shaft diameter into the body via a first orifice without any instrument supported on the distal free end, the hollow shaft containing a drive shaft rotatably disposed therein;
 - (b) inserting a surgical instrument into the body via a second orifice, the surgical instrument including a coupling complimentary to and configured to couple with the distal free end of said hollow shaft to connect the drive shaft with the surgical instrument in operable communication; and
 - (c) coupling the hollow shaft and the surgical instrument via the coupling after the inserting steps (a) and (b).
21. (Previously presented): The method according to claim 20, wherein the hollow shaft and the surgical instrument are coupled in the coupling step (c) intracorporeally.
22. (Previously presented): The method according to claim 20, comprising the step of performing a surgical procedure after the coupling step (c).
23. (Original): The method according to claim 22, wherein the surgical procedure includes a tissue stapling procedure.

24. (Original): The method according to claim 22, wherein the surgical procedure includes a tissue stapling and cutting procedure.
25. (Original): The method according to claim 22, wherein the surgical procedure includes an anastomosis procedure.
26. (Previously presented): The method according to claim 20, wherein the surgical instrument includes at least one of a surgical stapler instrument, a surgical stapler and cutter instrument and an anastomosis instrument.
27. (Previously presented): The method according to claim 20, comprising the step of withdrawing the coupled hollow shaft and surgical instrument via the first orifice.
28. (Original): The method according to claim 20, wherein the first orifice includes at least one of a natural orifice, an incision and a cannula.
29. (Original): The method according to claim 20, wherein the second orifice includes at least one of a natural orifice, an incision and a cannula.
30. (Original): The method according to claim 20, wherein each of the first orifice and the second orifice includes at least one of a natural orifice, an incision and a cannula.
31. (Original): The method according to claim 20, wherein the first orifice is different from the second orifice.
32. (Currently amended): The surgical device according to claim 1, comprising a second surgical instrument device interchangeable with said first surgical instrument device, said second surgical instrument device configured for selective attachment with to the quick-connect fitting to connect distal end of the hollow shaft and drive shaft to operably couple the second surgical instrument device to said drive shaft.

33. (New) The surgical device of claim 1, wherein the quick-connect fitting projects from the distal free end of the hollow shaft, said quick-connect fitting having a fitting diameter substantially equal to the hollow shaft diameter so that the hollow shaft and quick-connect fitting form a substantially uniform diameter which facilitates easy passage and maneuvering of the hollow shaft and quick-connect fitting into the body.

34. (New) The method of claim 20, wherein the hollow shaft is attached to a quick-connect fitting projecting from the distal free end of the hollow shaft, said quick-connect fitting having a fitting diameter substantially equal to the hollow shaft diameter so that the hollow shaft and quick-connect fitting form a substantially uniform diameter which facilitates easy passage and maneuvering of the hollow shaft and quick-connect fitting into the body.

35. (New) An electro-mechanical surgical device, comprising:

- A. a power console having a housing enclosing a plurality of driving elements;
- B. a flexible hollow shaft having a console end and an instrument end and forming at least one interior channel, said console end of the flexible hollow shaft being coupled with the housing of the power console;
- C. a first surgical instrument configured for selective coupling with the instrument end of the flexible hollow shaft, said surgical instrument comprising a movable element;
- D. a rotatable drive shaft disposed in the interior channel of the flexible hollow shaft, said rotatable drive shaft being coupled with the movable element of the surgical instrument and coupled with one of said plurality of driving elements to connect said movable element in operable communication with one of said

plurality of driving elements; and

E. a steering cable disposed in the interior channel of the flexible hollow shaft, said steering cable being connected with the instrument end of the flexible hollow shaft,

wherein the flexible hollow shaft has a substantially uniform shaft diameter extending from the console end to the instrument end, said instrument end being sufficiently small to facilitate insertion and maneuvering into an organ or vessel in the body to a treatment site prior to connection with said first surgical instrument.

36. (New): The electro-mechanical surgical device of claim 35, wherein the instrument end of the flexible hollow shaft comprises a quick-connect fitting, and the surgical instrument comprises a coupling that mates with said quick-connect fitting to detachably couple the surgical device with the instrument end of the flexible hollow shaft.

37. (New): The electro-mechanical surgical device of claim 35, comprising a second surgical instrument configured for selective coupling with the instrument end of the flexible hollow shaft, said second surgical instrument being interchangeable with said first surgical instrument.

38. (New): The electro-mechanical surgical device of claim 35, wherein the first surgical instrument comprises one of a stapler, cutter, and stapler-cutter, and wherein the second surgical instrument comprises one of a clip applier, clip ligator, clamping device, vessel expanding device, lumen expanding device and fluid delivery device.

39. (New) The surgical device of claim 1, wherein the quick-connect fitting is attachable onto at least one of the first surgical instrument and the hollow shaft.

40. (New) The surgical device of claim 1, wherein the quick-connect fitting is attached to the first surgical instrument.
41. (New) The surgical device of Claim 1, wherein the quick-connect fitting is attached to the hollow shaft.